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SUBJECT: FRENCH VISIT TO BUDAPEST

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1. ARRIVAL OF FRENCH DELEGATION HEADED BY PREMIER MESSMER AND FONMIN JOBERT (SEE REFTEL) HANDLED WITH MINIMUM OF PROTOCOL AND PUBLICITY. GOH OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF THAT FRENCH HAD REQUESTED PROTOCOL BE HELD TO MINIMUM. WITH HIGH LEVEL DRV DELEGATION HERE AT SAME TIME, HOWEVER, SITUATION AWKWARD FOR HUNGARIANS AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT FRENCH ASKED FOR VISIT AT RELATIVELY LATE DATE. MAY BE SIGNIFICANT THAT UP TO LAST WEEKEND FRENCH BEING LUMPED WITH CHINESE FOR ALLEGED INSENSITIVITY TO WORLD OPINION AGAINST NUCLEAR TESTING IN ATMOSPHERE. ISSUE HAS NOT BEEN RAISED SINCE.

2. DRV FLAGS STILL OUTNUMBER FRENCH FLAGS IN CAPITAL, BUT RECEPTION OF MESSMER BY KADAR APPEARS TO HAVE SPARKED

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INCREASED PRESS EXPOSURE FOR FRENCH. HUNGARIAN NEWSPAPERS

HAVE LAUDED "CONSTRUCTIVE"ROLE OF FRENCH IN VIETNAM
SETTLEMENT AND IN EAST-WEST DETENTE. PRESS HAS,
HOWEVER, CRITICIZED FRENCH FOR THEIR DISCRIMINATORY IMPORT
POLICY AGAINST HUNGARIAN PRODUCTS AND REMINDED VISITORS THAT
FRANCE'S ECONOMIC PRESENCE HERE HAS DECLINED WHEN COMPARED
TO OTHER EUROPEAN STATES.

3. SO FAR NOTHING OF SUBSTANCE HAS BEEN ISSUED CONCERNING
BILATERAL TALKS. EMBASSY PRESUMES THAT DISCUSSIONS HAVE
FOCUSED ON TRADE AND EUROPEAN SECURITY MATTERS AND HUNGARIANS
MAY USE OCCASION TO EXPLAIN THEIR VIEW ON ICCS DEADLOCK.
FRENCH DUE TO LEAVE TODAY FOR SOFIA.
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